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## Macomb Chamber Donation Drive Net \$10,000 For Selfridge Community Service Program



*Left to right – Peggy L. Mazzara, SGM David Austin, Nancy Zajdel*

Peggy L. Mazzara, President of the Macomb Chamber, presents Sergeant Major David Austin of the U.S. Army Garrison-Michigan (Selfridge) and Nancy Zajdel of the Selfridge Community Services program with a check for \$10,000 following a successful donation drive. Donated items included phone cards for troops to call home with, grocery gift cards to support their families, plus food, baby clothes and other essential items. Donated goods and money will aid troops deployed out of Selfridge Air National Guard (ANG) Base and the families they've left behind. At the presentation, Peggy Mazzara, Sgt. Maj. David Austin and Nancy Zajdel wished our deployed troops a speedy return home and thanked the community of Macomb County for their incredible show of support for this cause.

The following is a list of all who contributed to the donation drive:

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## Commander's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the local community for the generous support they have provided our service members and their families in the past months. Hats off to Macomb County Chamber of Commerce for their successful donation drive of cash, goods and services for our deployed service members as well as their families who remain behind. To William Roger, Selfridge Commissary Manager and Doug Jeffries, General Manager of the PX/BX for their support of numerous community activities throughout the year.

A special thanks and job well done to the DTE - Detroit Energy Music Theater for their donation of 100 FREE concert tickets to our service members at Selfridge and Detroit Arsenal to see country music superstar Clint Black this summer. Thanks to Charlie Larkin of Professional Air Shuttle Service who provided tickets to the Ryder Cup Tournament for 20 lucky active duty service members – a once in a lifetime experience for anyone!

And last but not least I would like to thank Fernando Bryant, Detroit Lions cornerback, who donated 100 tickets for the Detroit vs. Pittsburgh and Detroit vs. Buffalo preseason games. Go Lions!

This caring and support from our local community greatly improve the morale and quality of life for our men and women in uniform who stand ready to defend our country. I salute you.

**Kevin Austin, LTC, Commander USAG-MI**

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## Troops Help Give Musclar Dystrophy Patients a Day on the Lake



*Photo By John Swanson – 127<sup>th</sup> Multimedia Services  
Members of the 927<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing load a patient and his wheelchair aboard a boat during the Musclar Dystrophy Boat Outing on August 11 at Huron Pointe Yacht Club.*

### **By Eric Brian 927th Public Affairs Specialist**

Volunteer members of the 927th Air Refueling Wing put their hearts – and their muscles – to work helping muscular dystrophy patients enjoy a day on the waters of Lake St. Clair. The wing's airmen loaded patients – many in heavy wheelchairs – aboard boats on the sunny morning of Aug. 11. Many of the 26 volunteers joined the patients and their families on board for a tour of Anchor Bay and Black Creek; then all ate lunch and enjoyed karaoke.

The wing's support is a crucial part of the annual outing, which is hosted by Huron Pointe Yacht Club (HPYC) in Harrison Township. The club has raised funds for the Musclar Dystrophy Association (MDA) for 27 years, and held the boat outing for 23 years, officers said. "There's no way we can pull it off without your help," HPYC Rear Commodore Rich McConnell told the wing. A former Army electronic warfare maintenance sergeant, Mr. McConnell skippered the cabin cruiser "Barron" and hosted five-year-old MD patient Jacob Skowronski and his family, as well as Staff Sgt. Brian Nelson, 927MOF, and Senior Master Sgt. Rose Gamble, 927OSF. The family and the two airmen were new participants in the annual event, which the 927th has supported for 21 years.

"This is wonderful," Gamble said. "It's exciting for the children. I like to see their faces light up." "It's a lot of fun," said Jeremy Murphy, 17, who has participated in the outing for years. His mother, Judy Murphy, said Jeremy was diagnosed at age two with mitochondrial myopathy, one of the genetic neuromuscular diseases which fall under the umbrella term MD.

Other patients have Lou Gehrig's or other related conditions, she said. All of these diseases are considered terminal. Some wing members said they have not become involved in the event because they know the patients may soon die from their diseases, and they're not sure they can stand to see them deteriorate from year to year. But those who have volunteered said they know how much good they have done for the patients, their families and the community. "It's a good experience," said Senior Airman Hank Briggs, 927CES. "I encourage everybody to participate."

Some wing members have been involved in the boat lift for many years. "I've been doing these for about 17 years except for a couple deployments," said Tech. Sgt. Ron Roman, 927AMXS. "It's a nice thing to do." Master Sgt. Larry Wyland, 63ARS, got so involved with the event that he joined the yacht club, and is now its men's co-treasurer. "I was the muscle for the ride for years," he said. "We had such a good time; they talked me into joining five or six years ago." "They're a good down-to-earth yacht club. They treat us well," Sergeant Roman said. "Every year they lose a couple members, too."



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## Selfridge Spouses Club (SSC) Holiday Gift Wrap Booth

By Lisa Myers, SSC

The Selfridge Spouse Club generously raises money each year for our Scholarship & Community Benefit Fund. Last year, through the hard work of our membership and community volunteers at the Selfridge Thrift Shop, Holiday Gift Wrap Booth, and the Harley-Davidson Ride for Freedom II, we were able to award \$10,000 in scholarships and \$9,000 to community groups involving Selfridge families. Last year the SSC Holiday Gift Wrap Booth raised over \$3,900 for the Scholarship & Community Benefit Fund.

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about the holiday season again. For those of you who are new to the area, the SSC members, along with the help of our spouses, children over the age of 10, and other community volunteers, wrap gifts at the BX/PX during the month of December. Around the first of October, you will start

to see a special notebook at SSC luncheons, activities, and coffee groups where you can sign up for a day and time to work in the Gift Wrap booth or call Suzanne O'Donell, SSC 1st VP, at (586) 465-5003. The Gift Wrap Booth will be open December 3rd – 5th and again December 9th – 24th.

The boxes, tissue paper, and wrapping paper are all generously donated by AAFES. Below is a list of items the SSC members and community have graciously donated in the past. Once again, we are requesting the same in order to make this year's Scholarship & Community Benefit Fund even more successful.

You can drop off your donations at SSC luncheons, coffee group meetings, or in the mudrooms of Suzanne O'Donell (462 Kelly Ave., SANGB) or Lisa Myers (450 Skeel Ave., SANGB). Thank you in

advance for your donations and volunteer hours. With your help, this will be another successful year for the Holiday Gift Wrap Booth. Thanks! Hope to see you at the Gift Wrap Booth.

### Donation Request List

Large & medium pre-made gift bows - solid colors  
Narrow and wide flat ribbon  
Curling Ribbon  
Wired Decorative Ribbon  
Gift tags  
Embellishments (candy canes, ornaments, flowers, greens, etc.)  
Narrow and wide scotch tape (need approximately 50 rolls)



## Selfridge BX/PX News

By Janet Larson

AAFES is proud to announce the opening of SNACK AVENUE in the Selfridge Shoppette. Featured on Snack Avenue are Regular and Jumbo Hot Dogs, Cheeseburgers, Hot & Spicy Sausage, microwavable Hearty Express Meals, Dinty Moore Ready to Eat Meals, yogurt and fountain drinks. Pick up a delicious sandwich from our wide variety by 18th Street Deli, and enjoy piping hot Coffee and Cappuccino for 89 cents everyday. Don't forget to pick up your Coffee and Cappuccino card for additional savings. Stop by Monday through Saturday from 5:30am – 7:00pm and Sunday from 8:00am – 2:00pm.

### Holiday Shopping

Whether shopping for yourself or looking for the perfect gift this holiday season, check out the 2004 Jewelry and Holiday Catalogues now available at the Selfridge PX/BX or online at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com), [usmc-mccs.org](http://usmc-mccs.org), [navy-nex.com](http://navy-nex.com) or [cg-exchange.com](http://cg-exchange.com).

## Holiday Food Program

Selfridge Community Services (SCS) is once again offering the *Adopt-A-Family Program*. We are requesting Units, individuals, or agencies contact SCS if they wish to sponsor a family for the upcoming Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Holiday. This program allows the community to be active in sharing the holiday spirit with those who may be experiencing temporary financial hardships. Every year the number of referrals increases and with the activation and deployment of reserve forces, SCS anticipates an even greater increase this holiday season. With your help, we can provide gift certificates to more military families experiencing hardships so they too can have a Happy Holiday Season. You may adopt a family by purchasing a \$60 gift certificate/card from Meijer or by making a cash or check donation to Selfridge Community Services for any amount you can afford. Donations need to be received by November 19 for the Thanksgiving holiday or by December 17 for the Christmas holiday.

Drop off:

Selfridge Community Services  
Financial Readiness Program  
Building 780, Room 13

Mail to:

Selfridge Community Services  
ATTN: Adopt-A-Family  
Building 780, Room 14  
Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045

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## Selfridge Chapel

### *Catholic Services*

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 9:00pm

### *Protestant Services*

Sunday 9:30am

### *Meeting Schedule*

Women of the Chapel-Thursdays 7pm

Men's Bible Study-Fridays 6:30-8:00am

## Club Beyond - Selfridge

Club Beyond is the name used by the MCYM (Military Community Youth Ministries) to identify its ministry with military teens. Club Beyond holds weekly meetings for High School and Middle School youth, small group Bible Study, events and trips for area youth.

### **Club Beyond Meeting Schedule**

High School -Thursdays 7pm

Club JV (Middle School Students)

Mondays 7:07pm

Meetings are held in the Selfridge Chapel Fellowship Hall.

### **November Events**

#### **Massive Lock-in**

November 12-13 11pm -5am \$20

(Due 3 November) Includes Pizza, Pop and fun. Contact Kevin Collins, Director of Community Youth Ministries, at (586) 307-4193 for more information.

## Thrift Shop

Managed by the (Selfridge) Spouses' Club, the shop always welcomes volunteer assistance! Proceeds are returned to the community in the form of scholarships, grants, and support to several other worthwhile activities. Items are sold on a consignment basis and may be consigned until 1230 on the days the shop is open. You must have a valid ID to consign items. Additionally, donations are always accepted in the drop off area of the shop

There is a bulletin board to post items for sale that the Thrift Shop can't accommodate or display. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 835, 44195 Jefferson Avenue and is open Tuesday & Thursdays 9:30am-3:30pm and the 1st Saturday of the month from 9:30am-3:30pm. For more information call (586) 307-4405.

## SSC Monthly Luncheon

Join us on November 10 at 11:30am, Mulligan's for the SSC Luncheon and Fashion Show. The cost is \$8. Advance reservations are required. Contact Lisa Myers at (586)783-6759 for more information on how you can become involved in the Selfridge Spouses Club.

## Education Fair 2004

A Multi-Service Education Fair will take place Friday, November 5 from 9am - 3pm in Building 780, Room 106.

Over 10 Service Member Opportunity Colleges (SOC) will be on hand to provide information on their programs to include: DeVry, Excelsior College, Fort Hayes State University, Northwood University, Thomas Edison State College, Vincennes university, Wayne County Community College and William Tyndale.

This is a great opportunity to obtain information on finishing your degree through an SOC school.

For those that can not attend the Friday event, information brochures will be available on Saturday, November 6 from 8am-11am in the Education Center.

Contact the Education Center at (586) 307-4759 for more information.

*This event is sponsored by the Education Service Officers of the Army, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force and Navy.*

## FREE COLLEGE MONEY

### **Army Emergency Relief (AER) offers financial assistance for undergraduate study for dependent children of Army retirees.**

The MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund administered by AER is for students who study at an undergraduate, technical or vocational institution accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or for preparation for the service academies.

Applications for the AER scholarship program, 2005-2006 academic year (AY), are available by mail from AER HQ between November 1, 2004 and February 21, 2005. The web application is available as hardcopy from the website or students may apply online at, [http://www.aerhq.org/Children\\_Main\\_education.htm](http://www.aerhq.org/Children_Main_education.htm) November to March 1, 2005. Scholarship funds are to be used for education costs including tuition, books and fees, or room and board while attending fulltime at the school accepting the funds. Students must reapply each year and be in good academic standing, GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale minimum. We have a list of many websites with college information and financial aid resources on our education web page, [http://www.aerhq.org/education\\_collegelinks.asp](http://www.aerhq.org/education_collegelinks.asp). To obtain an application by mail, forward your request to ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF, MG JAMES URSANO SCHOLARSHIP FUND (RTD), 200 STOVALL STREET, ALEXANDRIA VA 22332. For more information contact Selfridge Community Service Army Emergency Relief at (586) 307-4514.

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# NOVEMBER

## Month of the Military Child Family Bowling Special!

Attention all Kids! Bring a parent or guardian to the Selfridge Bowling Center on Sundays during the month of November and get 1 FREE Game of Bowling plus shoe rental. Open Sundays 11:00am -6:00pm.

## Ladies Night Out

Need a night out with your friends? Husband/boyfriend gone Deer Hunting? How about just a night away from the kids, or just the dog? Come to the Selfridge Bowling Center on November 20, 7pm for a great evening of Fun, Speciality Drinks, \$1 Games of Bowling (includes shoe rental) and Fabulous Prizes!

## Sports Center Turkey Shoot

Stop by the Sports Center November 1 through November 20 & try your luck in the Basketball Turkey Shoot. You might just walk away with a turkey donated by the Selfridge Commissary. Pay \$1.00 entry fee for 50 free throws and if you make the most shots in your age/gender category you win a turkey! There is no limit so you may try as many times as you like. The age categories are under 12, 13-15, 16-18, 19-29, and 30 and over. 307-5202

## Detroit Arsenal Cafeterias

Located in Building 200 & 229 at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, Cafe 200 and Cafe 229 offer a wide variety of lunch and breakfast selection. Lunch items include Sandwiches, pizza, hamburgers, chili, and daily soups. Wednesday's feature is Beef/Chicken Taco Salad. Hours of Operation are 7:00am-9:00am & 10:30am-1:00pm Monday - Friday. Closed Nov 11-12.

## November 1

**Turkey Shoot** November 1-20, Sports Center. 307-5202

## Youth Sports Basketball

**Registration** Ages 4-14

## Cheerleading Registration

Ages 5-13

Nov 1 – Dec 17 307-5530

## November 2

Winter Season Equipment Rentals,  
Private Berthing Registration  
Out door Recreation Center 307-5499

## Youth Sports Open Gym

Basketball 6:15-7:45pm Ages 11-17  
Bldg. 780

## November 4

### Newcomer's Orientation

8:30am -12:00pm Bldg. 780 Room 106  
Childcare available with  
pre-registration. 307-5949

## November 5

### Multi-Service Education Fair

9am-3pm, Bldg. 780, Room 106  
Last day to register for Youth Floor  
Hockey ages - 5-13. Call 307-5530.

## November 6

### Chili Scramble

Selfridge Golf Course 307-4344

## November 7

### Military Family Month Special

11am-6pm Selfridge Bowling Center

## November 9

### Checkbook Management & Budget

**Development Class** Bldg. 780  
8am-12pm 307-4554

### Youth Sports Open Gym - Hockey

6:15-7:45pm Ages 11-17 Bldg. 780

## November 11

### Veteran's Appreciation Day Golf Tournament

Selfridge Golf Course 307-4344 .  
Sports Center Open 7am-3pm  
Auto Craft Shop Open 9am-4:30pm  
**Men's Bible Study** 6:30-8am

## November 13

### Cabela's Bus Trip

Deadline to register November 8. For  
info call the Outdoor Recreation Center  
307-5499

### Youth Basketball Early Registration Special!

12-2pm Bldg. 780 Gym  
Save \$10 - Registration Fee Youth  
Basketball ages 6-14  
Save \$5 off Bitty Basketball Ages 4-6

## November 14

### Military Family Month Special

11am-6pm Selfridge Bowling Center

## November 16

### Youth Sports Open Gym

Home Run Challenge 6:15-7:45pm  
Ages 11-17 Bldg. 780

## November 17

### Army Family Team Building

**Level II** Bldg. 780, Room 104,  
11am-1pm. Register by November 8.  
Call 307-5903.

### Native American Heritage Luncheon

11:30am Vandenberg Community Center

### Photography Contest Opening Reception

Photocraft Center 307-6848

### SAS Family Fun Night

6-7:30pm Bldg. 780

## November 18 –Dec 31

### Photography Contest Exhibit

Bldg. 780, Photocraft Center  
307-5499